



2012 Riverside County Fair and
National Date festival
Battle of the Bands

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Description

Seven local bands will compete for \$5,000 worth of Fender equipment at the 2012 Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival.

Contestants will be judged on technical performance, originality of songs, professionalism, stage presence, vocals and audience reaction.

Prizes

The winning band will be awarded with equipment provided by Fender.

Second and Third place will receive recognition trophies.

Winner will be announced at the end of the competition.

Eligibility

Open to all Riverside County residents. Proof of residence of all members will be required. Not open to bands that competed previously.

Entry Procedure

Applications & an example of your performance on CD, stage plot, set list WITH lyrics (must have at least one cover song) that you plan on performing for the contest, and of a photo of your band must be mailed or dropped off no later than Friday, January 27, 2012. SIGN UP NOW!!!

**The Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival and the 4th District Youth Advisory Council neither retains nor returns the materials submitted.

Rules:

- Contest will be limited to seven bands maximum
- Each band will be allowed a maximum of 30 minutes for their performance
- All band members **MUST** reside in Riverside County
- Set must include at least one cover song
- This is a family event **NO FOUL LANGUAGE, INAPPROPRIATE ACTIONS OR ATTIRE. CONTESTANTS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES AND YOUR BAND WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE STAGE.**

Day of Event:

- Bands playing order will be determined the day of the event
- All band members must arrive at the Aladdin's Bazaar Stage for set up no later than 11:00 am on Monday, February 20, 2012. Failure to do so will result in up to a 10 point deduction from your bands final score (one point for each minute late)

Length of Performance:

Performances may be no longer than 30 minutes maximum. Five minutes are allotted for setting up and tearing down between sets, please plan accordingly. Up to 10 points can be deducted from the judges' raw score for delays in set changes.

You have 30 minutes to play your set and five minutes for set up/ tear down in order to feature as many bands as possible; Equipment changes between bands must flow smoothly. **Be prepared so we can stay on schedule!**



Stage Information:

Battle of the Bands Competition will take place on the Aladdin's Bazaar Stage.

Music Accompaniment:

Provided will be the microphones and PA, Drum Kit, and bass guitar and guitar amps. Please bring keyboards, guitars, cymbals and drum hardware or anything else you require that is not listed. The same professional sound company that will be working with all the Artists on the Fantasy Springs Concert Pavilion Stage during the Fair will be providing microphones and sound mixing during your performance. A stage manager will be on hand to keep the show running smoothly along with a stage crew.

Bands are responsible for any Battle of the Bands equipment damaged or lost during their set-up, set or tear-down.

Selection Criteria:

Each application will be reviewed by a Battle of the Bands Selection Committee on the basis of the following:

1. Timely receipt of a completed application. Applications received after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2012 will not be reviewed.
2. Uniqueness and appeal of performance.
3. **Material to be performed must be appropriate for a family audience.**
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5. Overall Dress & Presentation. The *Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival* is a “family event” and all performers should reflect that.
6. Must be able to be at the Fairgrounds on Monday, February 20, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Seven (7) Bands will be selected on Tuesday, January 31, 2012. Bands selected will be notified by phone or email no later than Friday, February 3, 2012.

Credential and Parking information will be provided once the band selection has been made.

The sole decision for the selection rests with the Fair Management. The *Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival* has the right to reject any application for any reason.

Merchandise:

Bands may sell band merchandise (CD's, T-Shirts, and Posters) in the Magic Carpet Stage merchandise booth area that will be set up 15 minutes prior to show time until 15 minutes after show time. Booth will be shared with all bands that choose to take advantage of this opportunity. Only band merchandise, no businesses will be allowed to sell items. The *Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival* and 4th District Youth Advisory Council are NOT responsible for loss or theft of cash or merchandise, please make sure you have a person to be responsible for your items.

Please return your completed application and materials to:

Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival Battle of the Bands Attn: Noel Loughrin

73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 222, Palm Desert, CA 92260

NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2012



Judging:

Contestants will be judged on a 60 point system:

- **Technical Performance**, Max Points: 10
(How well the band uses their instruments)
- **Audience Reaction**, Max Points: 10
(Audience applause, yelling, screaming, and/or dancing)
- **Vocals**, Max Points: 10
(Singers voice complements the music and voice quality)
- **Originality of Songs**, Max Points: 10
(Song construction, expressions and blend of vocals and music)
- **Stage Presence**, Max Points: 10
(Interaction with the crowd, band is having fun and are fun to watch)
- **Professionalism**, Max Points: 10
(Dress and act appropriately, move efficiently during set changes, show respect for the audience)

Deductions

- **Set Time** Max Points: -10
(Band did not meet 30 minute time limit)
- **Arrival Time** Max Points: -10
- **Inefficient set up time between sets** Max Points: -10
(Band took more than 10 minutes to set up)

Bands will be disqualified and removed from the stage for inappropriate behavior, language, or clothing

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ENTRY FORM:
Competition Takes Place Monday, February 20, 2012
On the Aladdin's Bazaar Stage



Name of Band Performing: _____

Name of Person Submitting Application and relationship to the band: _____

Applicant Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Day Time Contact Phone Number: (_____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Best time to be contacted: _____

Number of People in Band: _____ Will you be selling merchandise? Yes ___ No ___

BAND MEMBERS NAME, AGE, INSTRUMENT PLAYED

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

How did you hear about this contest?

Along with this application please provide:

- Demo CD
- Photo of your band
- stage plot
- Expected song set list WITH lyrics

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You and your band wish to enter the *Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival Battle of the Bands Contest* and agree to abide by the rules provided by the *Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival*. I certify that all information provided above is true and accurate.

Your signature indicates that you have agreed to abide by all rules and regulations as published on the forms provided.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Parent or guardian must sign for minor under the age 18.)

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Contestant Media Information Form

The following information will be provided to the Fairgrounds Media Department for publicity purposes and to the MC of the Contest.

Name of Band: _____

Contact name: _____ Phone Number: _____

How many members are in your band?

What community is your band from?

How long has your band been performing together?

How did your band come together?

What makes you band unique?

What venues have you played?

Describe your musical style

Are you going to sell merchandise? Yes _____ No _____

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760-863-8760 or email NLoughrin@rcbos.org**

CHECKLIST OF STUFF TO TURN IN BY January 27, 2012:

- The application completely filled out and signed including the media information. Contact person and signature that shows that you read and understand the rules.
- A photo of your band (.jpg format if emailing).
- A Stage plot.
- Song set list WITH lyrics (at least one cover song)
- A sample of your music on CD.

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